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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Application

Prior to the entry of this amendment, claims 1-11 were pending in this application. The Office Action rejected: (a) claims 1-3 and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Saunders *et. al.*, Publication No. 20040152446 (“Saunders”); (b) claims 4, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saunders in view of Carpenter, Publication No. 20050176409 (“Carpenter”); and (c) claims 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saunders in view of Mostafa, Publication No. 20040148400 (“Mostafa”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and request reconsideration of this application.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Applicants respectfully submit that the Saunders reference does not disclose all of the claim elements of independent claim 1 of the present application. More specifically, the Saunders reference does not teach “checking whether the appended user mobile station number matches with the user mobile station number allocated to the user identifier stored in the private directory database;” wherein the user unique identifier is included in a text message and the mobile station number is appended to the text message. This claim limitation, therefore, provides that two pieces of information are received from the mobile station and a database is then queried to cross-check that the two pieces of received information match.

The Saunders application is concerned with data routing between mobile terminals to access applications through firewall protected servers. (*See* Saunders ¶ 12). More specifically, Saunders describes receiving a unique identifier from a mobile terminal, associating rights regarding accessing applications with the unique identifier and then generating a temporary network address for the mobile terminal to provide for identification of the mobile terminal. (*See* Saunders ¶¶ 12-21). In this way, when a request to access an application is received from the mobile terminal, the temporary network address may be used to identify the unique identifier associated with the terminal and the access rights for the terminal may be

determined. (See Saunders ¶¶ 12-21). As such, Saunders describes a system in which the mobile terminal may gain access to applications based upon origin information – the temporary network address – even though the IP address of the mobile terminal may not be constant as a result of network dynamics. (See Saunders ¶¶ 7, 12, 48 and 52).

Saunders teaches accessing applications based upon the origin on the network of the mobile device making the access request. Saunders does not, as is required in independent claim 1, teach receiving two pieces of information from a mobile station; a unique identifier and a mobile station number. Moreover, because the origin information – the temporary network address – is generated in response to the reception of the unique identifier from the mobile device, it cannot be used to cross-check whether the unique identifier was sent from an appropriate mobile device. As such, Saunders does not, teach or even suggest – as required in independent claim 1 of the present application – cross-checking whether a unique identifier received from a mobile station is being sent from a mobile station associated with the unique identifier. As noted in the Application, this cross-checking, which is not provided for in Saunders, provides improved security for the private data and/or service provider. (See Application at p.2, ll.28-31).

Hence, it is respectfully requested that the section 102 rejections to independent claim 1 be withdrawn. Additionally, it is respectfully requested that the section 102 rejection of all claims depending from independent claim 1 also be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103 Discussion

Applicants respectfully traverse each and every one of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections because neither the Saunders reference, as discussed above, nor the Carpenter and/or Mostafa references teaches or suggests “checking whether the appended user mobile station number matches with the user mobile station number allocated to the user identifier stored in the private directory database.” Consequently, the cited references taken singly and/or in combination do not teach or suggest all of the elements of the present invention.

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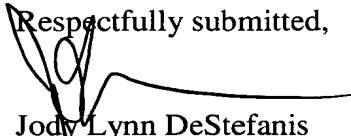
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

In the event that a fee or refund is due in connection with this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 19-0615. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 203-431-5505.

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